

Ambassador Anne Armstrong
CIA Guest Speaker
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We are all very pleased and fortunate to have Ambassador Armstrong speak to us today in the Agency's Guest Speaker Program.

She comes here with a very rich and distinguished background of experience and accomplishments. She served as Counselor to the President with Cabinet rank for both Presidents Nixon and Ford. She served with great distinction as US Ambassador to Great Britain. I had the privilege of serving with her as a member of the President's Commission on the Conduct of Foreign Policy and also on the Interim Foreign Policy Assessment Board which President Reagan established to advise him on foreign policy between his election and inauguration.

Currently Mrs. Armstrong is Chairman of the Advisory Board for the Center for Strategic and International Studies at Georgetown University, a member of the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian, a member of the Overseers of the Hoover Institution, a member of the Board of Trustees of the Southern Methodist University, and a member of the visiting committee of the John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard. She also serves on major corporate boards.

All of us should be pleased that President Reagan appointed Ambassador Armstrong as Chairman of the President's Foreign Intelligence Advisory Board. In this capacity she and her colleagues are most helpful in evaluating our work and providing ideas and suggestions for improvement. The PFIAB is very influential and important in explaining the needs and requirements of the Intelligence Community and we are privileged to have her speak to us today on the role of the PFIAB in American intelligence.